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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMI

1. DURING SHORT INTERVIEW GIVEN "ON THE RUN" AND PUBLISHED  
IN FRENCO LANGUAGE LA PRESSE MARCH 28, EGYPTIAN FONMIN  
FAHMI MADE SEVERAL OBSERVATIONS REGARDING EGYPTIAN-SYRAIN  
RELATIONS, OIL EMBARGO AND AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION.

2. RESPONDING TO QUESTION ABOUT ALLEGED SYRIAN DISCONTENT  
WITH EGYPTAIN POSITION, FAHMI QUOTED AS  
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SAYING, "THAT'S

FALSE. OUR POSITION THAT SUPPOSEDLY OUR SISTER SYRIA DISAGREES WITH COULD NEVER BE (ATTACKED BY SYRIA) BECAUSE IT IS ON THE SIDE OF SYRIAN INTEREST". ASKED IF SYRIA HAD NOT FELT SLIGHTLY JILTED ESPECIALLY AFTER ENDING OF OIL EMBARGO, FAHMI REPLIED", " ABSOLUTELY NOT....THE FACT OF ENDING THE EMBARGO DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE HAVE GIVEN UP THE SEARCH FOR A GLOBAL SETTLEMENT, IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE HAVE DEFINITELY ABANDONED THIS WEAPON....ITS UTILIZATION DEPENDS ON THE PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE. DISENGAGEMENT ON THE GOLAN WILL REMAIN FOR US A PRINCIPAL ELEMENT IN THE PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS. ONE CANNOT SPEAK OF ISOLATING SYRIA. WE ARE PART OF THE SAME FRONT."

3. IN RESPONDING TO A QUESTION ON ARAB-AFRICAN COOPERATION, FAHMI FIRST STATED HIS SUPPORT FOR CONCEPT, THEN UNDERLINED NECESSITY OF INSTITUTIONALIZING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE AFRICANS AND ARABS. HE ADDED, "I CAN TELL YOU THAT ARAB-AFRICAN CONFERENCE WILL MEET IN JUNE."

4. COMMENT: FAHMI'S HINT REGARDING POSSIBLE REINSTITUTION OF OIL EMBARGO SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM SAUDI FONMIN SAQQAF'S POSITION (TUNIS 1813).  
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